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Mission Statement

The mission of Technical Education Center Osceola and the Professional and Technical High School is to provide education, which prepares and inspires all to their highest career and academic potential by integrating technical and academic training.



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FCC E-Rate NPRM

To Whom It May Concern:

My background is that of a classroom teacher, District technology trainer and High School Media Specialist. I am currently sitting in a Media Center with access to 6 older desktops. I had 30 NEW computers that were moved to a testing lab.

Please provide additional funding for E-Rate, we desperately need it. Students who are struggling in their home environment need to have access to digital tools and programs, if we are to compete in a digital community that has gone global. Today's students are digital natives who are supposed to be super tech savvy. Yes, they can text, use their mobile devices and watch a video. These skills do not transfer over to the current job market and do not provide our students with the basic technology skills needed.

It is imperative that E-Rate is funded immediately. School Districts cannot afford to implement the unfunded initiatives that the Florida DOE has handed down in the last 5 – 10 years. Due to that fact, technology is the area that is always cut. E-Rate is the **only** funding source to purchase and/or update technology and update the broadband for facilities.

Sincerely,

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